

# Buckeye Flyer

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## Final flight *Starlifters fly one-way to AMARC*



C-141s from Altus, Andrews, McGuire, and Wright-Patterson Air Force Bases are lined up in the desert awaiting preparation for storage. (Photos by 2nd Lt. Robert Sperling)

by 2nd Lt. Robert Sperling  
445th AW/Public Affairs

The C-141 – Tail No. 650232 – departed Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, on Tuesday Sept. 4, 2003, with little fanfare. Only three videographers from Dayton area television news stations were there to witness the takeoff. Later that same week, another *Starlifter*, Tail No. 660148, also took off from Wright-Patt. The second aircraft carried a crew of four plus a reporter and videographer from Dayton's CBS affiliate WHIO-TV.

Both aircraft flew to Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz. They are among six 445th Airlift Wing C-141s being retired to the Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Center, AMARC, for storage.

Following the landing of the second aircraft – and a lengthy taxi to the regeneration center's receiving pad – Lt. Col. Kirk Baker, 445th Formal Training

Unit, signed the documents transferring ownership of the C-141 to the regeneration center.

When the center takes control of an aircraft, it is prepped for its appropriate storage category. AMARC has four levels of aircraft storage, Category 1000, 2000, 3000, and 4000. All of the C-141s currently being sent to AMARC are classified in category 4000 storage. That means the planes will be used for parts or sold through Government Services Administration auction ... and they are not expected to fly again.

"This classification, Category 4000, does not necessarily mean the end of the plane, because about 21 percent of the airplanes input into AMARC return to duty," explained Terry Vanden-Heuvel, AMARC Public Affairs.

Before an aircraft can be parked on the desert, the AMARC staff drains the fuel system and replaces the fuel with lightweight oil, which is also drained leaving a light coating on the fuel system. The fuel system treatment takes place at what is known locally as "the flush farm," explained Vanden-Heuvel.

She went on to explain that the C-141s, after having their fuel systems flushed, will have a latex substance called "Spraylat" applied to all of the manufacturer's seams and over the flight deck windows. The coating keeps the dust out in addition to protecting the interior from the desert heat and sun.

Spraylat is applied to the aircraft in two layers. The primary, or black layer, is applied in two ways, a tape to seal all of the manufacturer's seams, and as a spray to cover all of the upper sur-



Jim Baldridge (right), WHIO-TV news reporter, interviews Master Sgt. Marc Gibson, 445 Formal Training Unit.

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## Welcome Chaplain Fisher

by Capt. Bill Dickens  
445th AW/Wing Chaplain

Beginning in October 2003, Chaplain, Capt. Jim Fisher will join the 445<sup>th</sup> Chapel Staff as the Senior Protestant Chaplain. Chaplain Fisher is the pastor of Harrison Hills Baptist Church in Lanesville, Indiana. He is also a Ph.D. student at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. Chaplain Fisher comes to us from the 403<sup>rd</sup> Wing at Keesler Air Force Base. Be sure to stop by the Chaplain's Office and welcome Chaplain Fisher to the 445<sup>th</sup>.

### October 2003 Worship Services

#### Sunday, October 5

0730 in the ISO Dock Breakroom  
0830 in the Auditorium, Bldg. 4010

#### Sunday, October 12

0730 in the ISO Dock Breakroom

#### Sunday, October 19

0730 in the ISO Dock Breakroom  
0830 in the Auditorium, Bldg. 4010  
1130 in the CES Classroom, Bldg. 15

#### Sunday, October 26

0730 in the ISO Dock Breakroom

## Planes

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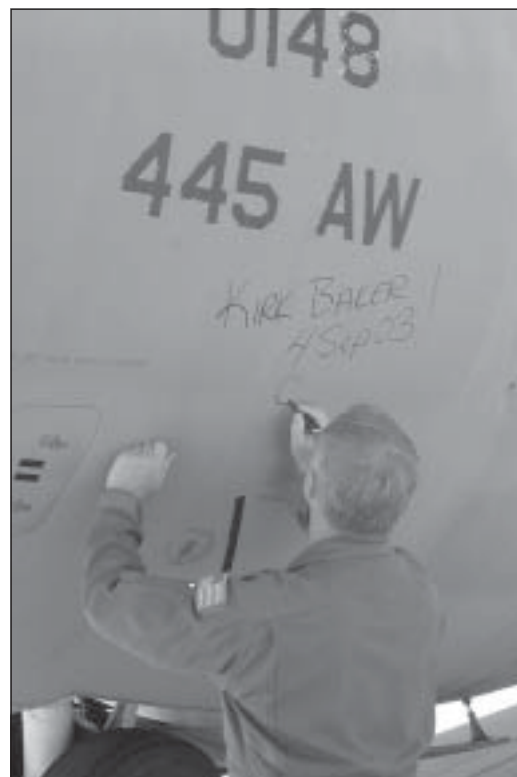
faces. The reason for applying the spray to the upper surfaces is to facilitate air circulation.

The second layer is a white coating designed to keep the inside temperature of the aircraft to within 10-15 degrees of the outside temperature. Temperatures inside an unprotected aircraft can reach over 200 degrees in the summer, causing damage to rubber, plastic, fabric, and delicate electronic equipment.

After the protective coating is applied, the airplane is towed into the desert for storage where it will be scavenged for parts, regenerated, or scrapped.

AMARC was established after World War II as a place to store B-29s and C-47s. Today, the facility covers more than 2,600 acres and is home to more than 4,300 aircraft, of which almost 2,500 are from the U.S. Air Force. The facility caters to all U.S. service branches and is the only official Department of Defense aircraft repository.

Colonel Lourdes Castillo, AMARC commander, explained that placing a plane in the repository doesn't necessarily mean that its use to the taxpayers is over. She said that for every dollar the taxpayers spend on an aircraft,



**Lt. Col. Kirk Baker, 445th Formal Training Unit, leaves his mark as aircraft Commander for the final flight of C-141 No. 148.**

their investment is returned with between \$20-22 worth of goods and services.

While the retirement of the C-141 *Starlifter* does not affect the overall mission capability of the 445th Airlift Wing, it does mark the end of an era stretching back to 1965.

## 445 Airlift Wing Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 2004 Unit Training Assembly Dates

	<u>OCT</u>	<u>NOV</u>	<u>DEC</u>	<u>JAN</u>	<u>FEB</u>	<u>MAR</u>	<u>APR</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUN</u>	<u>JUL</u>	<u>AUG</u>
Scarlett	4-5	1-2	6-7	10-11	7-8	6-7	3-4	1-2	5-6	10-11	7-8
Gray	18-19	15-16	13-14	24-25	21-22	13-14	17-18	15-16	12-13	24-25	14-15

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# Fitness in the future

By Brig. Gen. Rusty Moen  
445th AW/Commander

Gen. Jumper, Air Force Chief of Staff, announced in August that the Air Force will replace the current Weight Management Program with a Fitness Program. While the performance of our Total Force in Operations ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM has been superb, Gen. Jumper notes that one element of our Total Force that needs improvement is our *physical fitness*.

Today we deploy around the world, live in tent cities, and work flight lines in climatic extremes. And the amount of energy we devote to our physical fitness has not been consistent with the growing demands of our warrior culture.

The idea is to put "emphasis on fitness rather than on fatness." Fitness program details are being finalized, but the plan is for an annual test that includes a mile-and-a-half run, push-ups, sit-ups, and an abdominal circumference measurement to assess body fat levels and disease risk. Each element is weighted and the individual's composite score gives an indication of his or her overall fitness.

This proposed fitness program and assessment will create a health and science-based approach to stimulate, educate, and encourage Air Force members to establish and maintain a

healthy lifestyle. The active duty plans to implement this new program in January. I expect that the Air Force Reserve would not be far behind.

February. We are flying daily missions into the CENTCOM AOR. We have large numbers of medical personnel deployed, or scheduled to deploy during the coming months, as the Air Force re-establishes the AEF schedule. My thanks to all of our volunteers throughout the wing who will make this transition a success.

September marked the final month of duty for two officers who have contributed significantly to the wing. Col. Steve Ray, 445<sup>th</sup> AES commander, reluctantly retired after leading his squadron to numerous AFRC outstanding unit awards. The squadron's accomplishments during this past year have been nothing short of spectacular. And Lt. Col. Glen Lucas retired from our dental clinic. He will be missed by us all. We are fortunate that he was also a great recruiter and leaves behind a very competent staff.

The start of fiscal year 2004 provides many new opportunities for us. In addition to our mobilization and support for the Global War on Terrorism, we will continue to provide volunteers for AEF; our operations and maintenance personnel are preparing for Operation DEEP FREEZE missions to Antarctica; we have a Unit Compliance

Inspection scheduled for January; and, we continue to plan for the wing's conversion to the C-5 aircraft. What the wing has accomplished since last December is truly spectacular – we all know it takes the entire team to make it happen. My thanks to all of you for continuing to be the standard bearers for the Air Force core values of integrity first, service before self, and excellence in all we do!



## Fit To Fight #2 - Are You Ready?

I have received a great deal of positive feedback from the first "Fit To Fight" Sight Picture. We now need to make sure that we, and everyone in our units and organizations, are on track to be ready for the test in January.

Be assured that we are all taking this seriously. We are working now on additional parts of the program that will have information for squadron physical training, nutrition guidelines, the fitness test scoring criteria, and provide details on accountability of commanders and individuals. Details will be out as soon as possible. In the meantime January is coming. Be ready.



9 September 2003

There's no time like the present to get started on the road to fitness and a healthy lifestyle – increase the chance that you'll be around for many years after age sixty when those retirement checks start coming.

In other matters of interest, we can expect our currently mobilized operations and maintenance personnel to stay mobilized until at least January or



# New counter chemical procedures

by Staff Sgt. Charlie Miller  
445th AW/Public Affairs

It has been said that the only constant in life is change. Members of the 445th Airlift Wing have become used to change, so it's likely the newest change they must deal with will be taken in stride. It has to do with how our Citizen Airmen – and the Air Force as a whole – are trained to react to chemical attack.

A unit exercise was held last month to introduce the changes to the wing in a real world type setting.

“Basically, the exercise centers on the new Counter Chemical Warfare Concept of Operation,” said Master Sgt. Steve Hunt, 445th Civil Engineer Squadron chief of readiness. He served as one of the exercise cadre. “This exercise will indoctrinate the wing to the fact that we will be operating this way if the threat of chemical attack becomes a reality.”

The cadre created “Hawk Air Base, South Korea” for the exercise. The mission for the 131 members who participated was simple; keep the base open, safe and functioning, come what may. And, courtesy of the cadre and the scenario they prepared, the players repeatedly faced change, crisis and chemical attacks; most of the time in quantity.

For example, while Tech. Sgt. Melissa Reich who works in the intelligence section of the 445th Operations Support Squadron, was explaining to the Buckeye Flyer her role in the exercise, an urgent message arrived via a secured telephone line. She dropped everything, evaluated the message for a few short moments then loudly blew a referees type whistle to get the immediate and full attention of the entire command center. Reich vociferously announced that three missiles had been launched and were heading straight toward Hawk AB at speeds in excess of Mach 3. The missiles could contain chemicals.

Within seconds the commanders and leaders issued the order to go to Mission Orientated Protective Posture Level 4. As some of the leaders were pulling on their protective masks, others were

calling or emailing their troops in the field that missiles, quite possibly filled with chemicals, were inbound. An attack had been launched. Confrontation was imminent.

“The new counter chemical procedures are a dramatic change in how we’ve done business for years and years,” said Maj. James Klein, 87th Aerial Port Squadron Operations Officer.

Klein, a participant in the exercise, explained that two of the most dramatic changes are the new split MOPP levels and the ten-foot rule. “With this exercise, the cadre had Wright-Patterson split into six different sectors. One sector might be in one level of MOPP and another sector would be able to operate in a different MOPP level. There’s a host of factors that would determine

this. Things like the type of chemical agent, where it’s located, wind that might be carrying the agent, etc.”

“The 10-foot rule says that if someone is driving a contaminated vehicle only people in MOPP level 4 can come within 10 feet of it.” The same would apply for contaminated equipment; to use it or be within 10 feet, you must be in MOPP 4.

“The bottom line is that we have to keep the people working and we have to keep the

base operating so we can launch aircraft,” Klein concluded.

With the base in sectors, the cadre could challenge the players more effectively “This way we could actually simulate areas for split MOPP,” said Master Sgt. Mike Reynolds, 445th Logistics Readiness Squadron, NCOIC, plans – and cadre member. “The Survival Recovery Center, where the leaders were staged, were accountable for all the people in their sectors. We put them through various counter chemical training objectives.”

“The Air Force required this training but we expanded it from a table top exercise to a field training exercise with 131 participants,” Reynolds said.

“Did the exercise meet our expectations? I’d say yes. We found what we were looking for. When the players get tagged with the same situation in the real world, they’ll know exactly what to do.”

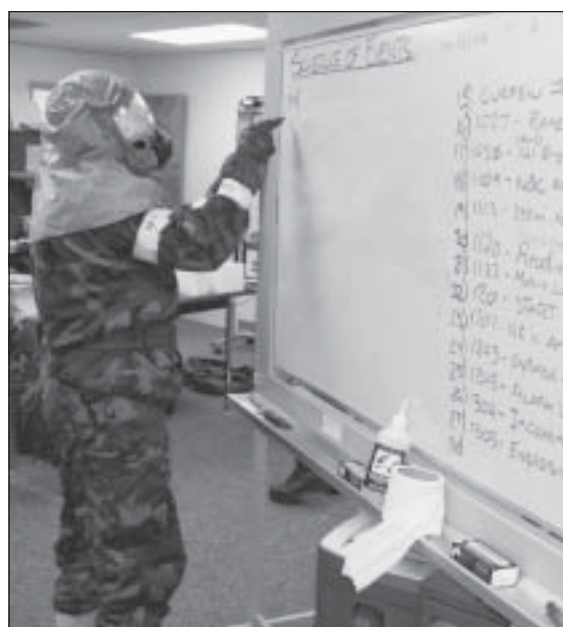


**Staff Sgt. Alogo, 445 Services Flight, in MOPP 4, takes shelter in a sandbag bunker during the 445th Airlift Wing new counter chemical warfare exercise. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Raquel Matthews)**

# CHEMICAL WARFARE EXERCISE...



*(Photos by Master Sgt. Doug Moore and Staff Sgt. Raquel Matthews, 445 Public Affairs)*





# SGLI Beneficiary designations

*Air Force News Service*

**S**ervicemembers' Group Life Insurance (SGLI) is a most valuable benefit. In the event of a servicemember's death, SGLI affords the ability to leave up to \$250,000 to the loved ones or to the entities about which the member cares most.

Specifically naming the intended beneficiaries best assures this result as well as prompt payment of the insurance proceeds.

SGLI is a contract between the member and the insurance provider. It is not controlled by the terms of a will or by a state's laws for distributing property in the event of death without a will. The member holds an absolute right to name each person or entity desired as a

beneficiary. The insurance provider pays the beneficiaries so named. By failing to name beneficiaries, a member gives up control of the disposition of as much as a quarter of a million dollars.

Members have used the term "by law" to identify beneficiaries. This designation creates a significant risk of payments to unintended beneficiaries, of delays in payments, and of litigation by persons claiming the member intended they receive the SGLI proceeds or attempting to include themselves within the class covered by the term "by law."

Servicemembers' understanding of common terms like "parents" and "children" may not align with the definitions of these terms in the law creating SGLI and in the court cases interpreting that law. The "by law" designation can result, and too often does, in a federal court identifying the beneficiaries of SGLI proceeds. The court's ability to consider the member's intent will be sorely limited - if he or she only wrote "by law." The court will have

to interpret the SGLI law's distribution provisions using varying state law definitions of such terms as "widow or widower," "parent," "child," and "other next of kin." As a result, no one - not an attorney or personnel specialist or anyone else - can confidently advise just how a "by law" designation will ultimately distribute as much as a quarter of a million dollars. Nor can anyone tell how long the payment of benefits will be delayed due to claims, disputes and

litigation brought by a third party seeking inclusion as a "by law" designation beneficiary.

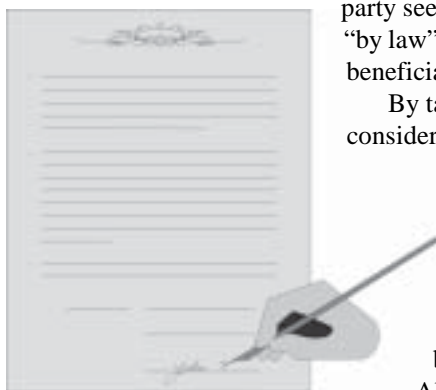
By taking some time to consider and name specific beneficiaries, members avoid these potential problems and exercise the power to control how this benefit is paid.

Although disputes can still occur when a

member specifically names beneficiaries, the specifically named beneficiaries will prevail over the unnamed claimants. Court decisions bear out this point, routinely citing specifically named beneficiaries as the best evidence of a military member's intent.

Members must periodically review and update beneficiary designations to ensure they continue to reflect their intentions for the disposition of this benefit of service. Excellent opportunities to do so include during in- or out-processing as part of a PCS move; as part of regular readiness checks while preparing to deploy and on return from a deployment; when significant events occur in life, such as a marriage, divorce, separation, birth or adoption of a child, or death of a named beneficiary; or at any time a change in beneficiary designations is desired.

An attorney at Wright-Patterson legal office or 445th Judge Advocate office can answer questions and provide advice on this subject.



## New 89th Commander



(Courtesy Photo)

**Lt. Col. Frank Fuller (right), 89 Air-lift Squadron, salutes Col. James Blackman (left) while Master Sgt. Michael Brimmer holds the squadron flag.**

Lieutenant Colonel Frank C. Fuller from West Chester, Ohio assumed command of the 89th Airlift Squadron today during a Change-of-Command ceremony held at the base. The 89th AS is a subordinate unit of the 445th Airlift Wing also at the base. Lt. Col. Fuller is replacing the current commander, Lt. Col. Brian W. Van Vliet who is retiring after thirty-years of service.

Lt. Col. Fuller is a command pilot with more than 4,700 flying hours. He's earned a bachelor degree from University of Illinois in general Engineering and one from St. Joseph University in math and physics. Fuller is also a graduate from Embry-Riddle University with a masters degree in aviation.

Since being assigned to the 89th AS in 1995, the colonel has held a variety of positions to include standardization and evaluation flight commander, staff officer for programs and force development, flight commander and chief of standardization and evaluation.

Since the unit activation in February of this year for Operation Iraqi Freedom, the colonel has been working as the commander of the Contingency Support Center supporting the C-141 missions flying out of Wright-Pat. (445th AW News Release)

## Welcome and Congratulations!

### Promotions

*Congratulations to the following personnel, recently promoted to the rank indicated.*

#### Airman First Class



Charlotte Williams, 445 MSS

#### Senior Airman



Shelby Emerson, 87 APS  
Benjamin Fryman, 89 AS  
Frank Hall, 445 CES  
Heather McCaig, 445 MXS  
Brandy Ellen Miller, 445 AES  
Nicole Powers, 445 ASTS  
William Smith, 87 APS  
Jeffrey Stallkamp, 445 CES  
Kerry Willet, 445 MXS

#### Staff Sergeant



Nickolas Algren, 356 AS  
Charity England, 445 MSS  
David Kalb, 87 APS  
Thomas Shannon, 445 AES  
Traci Tatman, 445 AES  
Matthew Troutwine, 445 ASTS  
Willard Vangundy, 445 CES  
Tonia Vincent, 445 ASTS  
Douglas Watson, 445 SVF

#### Technical Sergeant



Jeffrey Assini, 445 ASTS  
James Brown, 445 AW  
Richard Christian, 445 CES  
Kelly Earehart, 356 AS  
James Hartsell, 87 APS  
William Kaczmarczyk, 445 ASTS  
Melissa Lewis, 445 LG  
Herbert Nicholson, 356 AS

#### Master Sergeant



Richard Crabtree, 445 MXS  
Thomas Geoghegan, 445 AES  
Melanie Laliberty, 445 ASTS  
Joseph Sellers, 445 MXS  
Sandra Sherer, 445 ASTS  
Harold Tanner, 445 SVF

#### Senior Master Sergeant



Joanne Owens, 445 AMDS  
Roger Eldridge, 445 MXS  
Donald Clark, 445 CES

#### First Lieutenant

James Lawrence, 445 ASTS  
Joshua Roberts, 356 AS



#### Captain



Thomas Fuhrman, 356 AS

#### Major



Michael Cooper, 445 AMDS

#### Lieutenant Colonel



Glenn Derting, 356 AS  
Eileen Kelly, 445 AW  
John Koch, 356 AS  
Thomas Kuepper, 445 CES  
Brad Goldman, 445 ASTS  
Anne Gunter, 445 MSF

### Reenlistments

*Congratulations to the following 445th AW members who recently re-enlisted in the Reserve.*

SMSgt. Calvin Amos, 445 CLSS  
MSgt. Thelma Chubb, 445 AMDS  
MSgt. George Cleere, 445 CLSS  
MSgt. Brian Henderson, 445 CLSS  
MSgt. Benny Jenkins, 356 AS  
MSgt. John McDermott, 445 AMXS  
MSgt. Christopher Smith, 445 OG  
MSgt. Jonathan Winters, 89 AS  
TSgt. William Sorensen, 445 MSF  
TSgt. Kelly Tomlin, 445 CLSS  
TSgt. Kevin Jaeger, 356 AS  
TSgt. Debbie Flake, 445 ASTS  
TSgt. Anthony Johnson, 445 OSS  
TSgt. Kay Johnson, 445 LRS  
TSgt. Darryl Phillips, 87 APS  
TSgt. Gregory Schoener, 445 SFS  
TSgt. Nelson Scott, 445 MXS  
TSgt. Charles Wilson, 445 CLSS  
TSgt. Raymond Ahman, 445 CLSS  
SSgt. Jan Christensen, 445 MXS  
SSgt. Chane Chalou, 445 ASTS  
SSgt. Gregory Cyrus, 445 MXS  
SSgt. Henry Daigle, 445 SFS  
SSgt. Jodi Henry, 445 ASTS  
SSgt. Raquel Matthews, 445 AW  
SSgt. Mark Turnbull, 445 MXS  
SrA Robert Norsworthy, 445 MSF

### Newcomers

*Welcome to the following reservists, recently assigned to the 445th AW:*

Lt.Col. David Edwards, 356 AS  
Maj. Bruce Nelson, 445 AES  
Capt. Lisa Shear, 445 AMDS  
Capt. Judy Lini-Willets, 445 AES  
Capt. Sarah Butler, 445 MSG  
2nd.Lt. Nathan List, 445 SFS  
2nd.Lt. Juan Sanchez, 445 AES  
TSgt. Steven Milton, 445 AW  
TSgt. Paul Stillwell, 445 CES  
SSgt. Ronald McCarren, 445 CLSS  
SSgt. Courtney McGuire, 445 AMDS  
SSgt. James Sebetto, 445 CES  
SrA Matthew Davidson, 445 CES  
SrA Julius Davis, 445 SVF  
SrA Nathan Lowman, 445 MOS  
SrA Mark Muncy, 445 LRS  
SrA Steven Queen, 445 MXS  
SrA Jude Snell, 445 SFS  
SrA Rachel Songer, 445 AES  
SrA Maggie Talamantes, 445 ASTS  
SrA John Weber, 445 AMXS  
A1C Bryce Caldwell, 445 CES  
A1C Gerrod Campbell, 445 CES  
A1C Jenna Cornett, 87 APS  
A1C Cory Guynn, 445 CES  
A1C Ardrell Hill, 445 CES  
A1C Sean Miller, 445 CLSS  
A1C Rachel Slone, 87 APS  
A1C Brian Snyder, 87 APS  
A1C Robert Wolfe, 445 LRS  
A1C Meaghan Zore, 445 CES  
A1C Jeffrey Stallkamp, 445 CES  
A1C John Altevers, 445 CES  
Amn Brandi Stanley, 445 CES  
Amn Paul Kelley, 445 SFS  
Amn. Julianna Dietz, 445 LRS

### Awards

*Congratulations to the following 445th AW members who recently earned awards.*

#### Meritorious Service Medal

Lt. Col. Mark Silver, 356 AS  
Maj. Peggy Henney, 445 ASTS  
Maj. Raymond Mick, 445 ASTS  
Maj. Jennifer Wedel, 445 ASTS  
Maj. Ralph Neumann, 445 AMDS  
Capt. John Marang, 445 LRS  
Capt. Bruce Winhold, 445 MSS  
SMSgt. Danny Byrd, 445 AMXS  
SMSgt. Aaron Mouser, 445 AMXS  
SMSgt. Barbara Welshhans, 89 AS  
MSgt. Alice Collingwood, 445 LRS  
MSgt. David Johnson, 445 AMXS  
MSgt. John Mielke Jr., 445 AMXS  
MSgt. Thomas O'Neal, 445 MXS  
TSgt. Steven Stiger, 445 MXS

#### Air Force Commendation Medal

Capt John Pica Jr., 89 AS  
SMSgt Cynthia Walter, 445AES  
MSgt. Ranold Seymour Jr., 445 AMXS  
MSgt. John Tell, 445 AMXS  
TSgt. Paula Oliveri, 445 AES  
TSgt. Brian Robinette, 445 AMXS  
TSgt. John Thompson, 445 CLSS

#### Air Force Achievement Medal

MSgt. David Valentine, 445 MXS  
MSgt. LeRoy Carpenter Jr., 445 MXS  
MSgt. John Birhanzl, 445 MXS  
TSgt. Keith Bollard, 445 AMXS  
TSgt. James Brown, 445 AMXS  
TSgt. Timothy Davis, 445 AMXS  
TSgt. Joseph Griesser, 445 AMXS  
TSgt. Johnathan Lowe, 445 AMXS  
TSgt. Garry Merrill, 445 AMXS  
TSgt. Robert Monti, 445 MXS  
TSgt. Paul Romans, 445 AMXS  
TSgt. John Sexton, 445 AMXS  
TSgt. Jude Soriano, 445 MXS  
TSgt. Steven Tinnel, 445 MXS  
TSgt. Fred Waddell Jr., 445 AMXS  
TSgt. Devardo Zeigler, 445 MXS  
SSgt. Wayne Beers, 445 AMXS  
SSgt. John Cummings, 445 AMXS  
SSgt. Nathan Moffitt, 445 MXS  
SSgt. Mark Reynolds, 445 AMXS  
SSgt. Luke Schroeder, 445 MXS  
SSgt. Scott Stein, 445 AMXS  
SrA Francis Saul III, 445 MXS



**Have a question on employees rights! The public affairs office, BLDG. 4010, Rm 141, has several fact sheets from the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve that may answer your question.**

# Wing Notes

## Metallic name tag mandatory Jan. 1

Personnel officials announced in a recent message to the field that the new metallic name tag will be mandatory on the service dress uniform and pullover sweaters Jan. 1.

The items, which have been available for purchase since November, will be issued to enlisted airmen by their organizations, according to the message. Officers must purchase their own name tags.

## 445 AW Supports "Red Ribbon Week"



The 445th Airlift Wing is invited to help showcase our support for the DoD anti-drug awareness and educational program community outreach during the 13th annual "Red Ribbon Week" held annually the third week in October. Each year, DoD and the military services sponsor a series of Red Ribbon Week activities to focus attention on the destructive effects that drugs have on our nation. This year's theme for the wing is "Get Involved."

In 1985, Special Agent Enrique S. "Kiki" Camarena of the Drug Enforcement Administration was kidnapped in Guadalajara, Mexico, and killed by drug traffickers. Shortly after Camarena's death, citizens from his hometown of Calexico, Calif., began to wear red ribbons to remember him and to commemorate his sacrifice. The anti-drug message spread quickly and in 1988 the National Family Partnership took the Red Ribbon Celebration nationwide.

Since 1990, the Secretary of Defense has recognized Red Ribbon Week as the appropriate time to acknowledge the department's community drug awareness efforts and to encourage demand reduction activities by the men and women of DoD.. Stop by and pick your free anti-drug items from the 445th Aerospace Medicine Squadron to distribute in your local community!

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## Former 445th general commands 4th Air Force

*AFRC News Service from a 4th Air Force news release*

**B**rig. Gen. Robert E. Duignan will command 4th Air Force, effective Sept. 1, as a result of a change-of-command ceremony here Aug. 23.

He replaces Maj. Gen. James P. Czekanski, who moves to Scott Air Force Base, Ill., to be the mobilization assistant to the commander of U.S. Transportation Command. Czekanski, who became the 4th Air Force commander in August 2000, retired Aug. 23 from federal civil service after 35 years as an air reserve technician.

Lt. Gen. James E. Sherrard III, chief of Air Force Reserve and commander of Air Force Reserve Command, presided over the change-of-command ceremony at the March ARB cultural center.

Duignan thanked Sherrard for his confidence in him and for the opportunity

to command 4th Air Force. Duignan has been the director of plans and programs at Headquarters AFRC, Robins AFB, Ga., since June 2002.

"I grew up on the West Coast and spent half my career at Travis (AFB, Calif.) flying heavy aircraft, so it's great to be back on the West Coast," said Duignan, a native of Seattle.



**Brig. Gen. Robert Duignan (right) salutes Lt. Gen. James E. Sherrard, III, after Duignan assumes command of 4th Air Force. Command Chief Master Sergeant Dennis Kirkland holds the guidon. (Photo by Senior Airman Carolyn Erfe, 4th Combat Camera Squadron)**

the chief in the Pentagon.

As commander of 4th Air Force, Duignan will oversee more than 24,200 reservists, most of who are assigned to units west of the Mississippi River as far away as Guam.

For the past 15 years, he has been stationed in the eastern United States, working a myriad of jobs including a tour of duty as the commander of the 445th Airlift Wing, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, and as Sherrard's deputy to

